



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
OF THE BOND ELECTION ADVISORY TASK FORCE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 2012**

The Affordable Housing Committee of the Bond Election Advisory Task Force convened in a regular meeting on Monday, March 26, 2012, at the Street Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street, Room 400A, in Austin, Texas.

**Committee Chair Heather Way called the Committee Meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
A quorum was present.**

Task Force Members in Attendance:

Don Baylor, Jr.
Terry Mitchell

Linda Guerrero
Tom Spencer

Celia Israel
Heather Way

Jennifer McPhail

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 19, 2012 meeting were approved on Committee Member McPhail's motion, Committee Member Guerrero's second, and a vote of 7-0.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- **John Elford, Sr. Pastor at University United Methodist Church and member of Austin Interfaith** – Described his support for the homeless and permanent supportive housing.
- **Stuart Hersh** – Described the breakdown of the various Median Family Incomes (MFIs) served by the 2006 housing bonds and provided estimates of disinvestment in housing affordability.
- **Marshall Jones** – Advocated for \$110 million in bond funding for housing affordability and permanent supportive housing that also serves those that normally would not qualify for such services due to criminal backgrounds.
- **Jo Kathryn Quinn, Director of Housing Services for Caritas of Austin** – Spoke about the need to make permanent supportive housing a priority in order to reduce and eventually eliminate long-term homelessness.
- **Bill Brice, Program Director with the Downtown Austin Alliance** – Described the importance of the difference between the Housing First and Housing Ready programs, the lack of Housing First permanent supportive housing units in Austin, and recommended that affordable housing dollars expended in the future have a requirement for Housing First permanent supporting housing units to be part of the related developments.

- **Steve Luteran, Executive Director of Front Steps** – Asked for the committee’s support of the Housing First permanent supportive housing model and described the benefits of such a model including cost savings for serving individuals through permanent supportive housing as opposed to uncoordinated efforts.

3. NEW BUSINESS – BRIEFINGS

A. Presentation and Discussion on Current and Future Affordable Housing Needs in Austin

The presentation was made by representatives of numerous local housing agencies, including: Frances Ferguson of Housing Works Austin, Spencer Duran of the Austin Community Housing Development Organization, Ed McHorse of the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition, Charles Cloutman of the Austin Housing Repair Coalition, and Kelly Weiss of Austin Habitat for Humanity.

4. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

A. Decision making process for making committee recommendations

The Committee did not take action on this item. They did discuss what decisions will need to be made for its recommendation. The decisions include how much to recommend for affordable housing, what to recommend for the Colony Park project, and policy recommendations.

B. Recommendations on projects and programs for future bond funding or developing a bond package

The Committee did not take action on this item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members will begin discussions regarding its recommendations for bond funding at its April 2, 2012 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved on Committee Member Isreal’s motion, Committee Member McPhail’s second, on a 6-0 vote. (Committee Member Baylor off the dais.) Chair Way adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm.